

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
WESTERN DIVISION**

IN RE: ELECTRONIC CASE FILING IN MDL 1507

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas has adopted a new case management and electronic case files system. This new system, known as CM/ECF, is currently available in more than 200 federal courts nationwide. CM/ECF will provide the Eastern District of Arkansas with the capability to store court documents in electronic format and the ability to accept electronic filings from attorneys.

Attorneys involved in the Prempro Products Liability Litigation (MDL 1507) must file documents directly with the court over the Internet. The CM/ECF system uses standard computer hardware, an Internet connection and a browser, and accepts documents in Portable Document Format (PDF). The system is easy to use - filers prepare a document using conventional word processing software, then convert it to PDF. After logging onto the court's website with a court-issued password, the filer fills out several screens with information that serves as the basis for the docket entry, attaches the document and submits it to the court. A notice verifying court receipt is generated and sent by email to the filer automatically. Attorneys registered for electronic case filing will receive email notification of all filings in the case.

There are no added fees for filing documents over the Internet using CM/ECF; existing document filing fees do apply. Electronic access to court data is available through the Public Access to Court Electronic records (PACER) program at a current rate of eight cents per page, with a maximum of \$2.40 per document. Litigants receive one free copy of documents filed electronically in their cases; additional copies are available to attorneys and the general public for viewing or downloading at eight cents per page.

Attorneys should register for electronic case filing by completing the attached "ECF Registration Form - MDL 1507" and submitting it to:

James W. McCormack, Clerk
United States District Court
ATTN: ECF Registration
600 West Capitol Avenue, Room 402
Little Rock, AR 72201-3325

The Registration Form must contain an original signature. The rules and procedures governing electronic filing and other important information concerning the ECF system is available at the court's website, www.are.uscourts.gov.